

Edgerton Hwy MP 0-19 Resurfacing

Questions and comments received at the initial public meeting August 28, 2012:

- **Is the scope publicly accessible somewhere?** Yes, our project website contains scope information as well as contact information for the project manager.
- **Will this be the same surface treatment as existing?** The existing surface is a chip seal coat and the new surface will be asphalt pavement.
- **Can the road be widened as part of this project?** Because this project is being funded with federal Preventive Maintenance (PM) dollars, our project activity is limited to addressing the existing surface of the road. Any widening of the Edgerton would have to be conducted in a separate project. The Department believes that construction funds on this segment of roadway are best utilized upgrading the current surface width; to widen the roadway or make other improvements would mean the same amount of funding would be spent on a smaller segment of roadway.
- **What material site will be used?** The Kenny Lake material site near MP 5 is proposed for use on this project. The contractor is free to propose other sources but will be responsible for securing the necessary clearances to use them.
- **Where will the Contractor get water? The water table is very deep here.** It is not uncommon for contractors to find various sources of water to pump from within the project limits, or to drill a well in a material site. DOT staff made note that it may be worthwhile to make note of the deep water table (reportedly ~300 ft) in the contract documents so that the project can be bid accordingly. Water is commonly used for dust control and compaction on construction projects and there are surface water sources in the vicinity that could be used for those purposes.
- **Please do not take water out of Willow Creek.** While DOT&PF has not confirmed this, we understand that Willow Creek is likely a fish bearing stream. We don't propose any work in Willow Creek in the construction contract that would necessitate consulting Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) on the matter, and so we won't be requesting a habitat permit for this creek or for any other streams on this project. That said, we can commit to not allowing the contractor to extract water from Willow Creek unless authorized by ADF&G. ADF&G is the appropriate agency to regulate this activity and would likely take water levels into consideration
- **How will you accommodate dipnet fishery traffic?** They will be accommodated like the general public. Temporary delays may be experienced (typically 30 minutes maximum) during some periods, and gravel road conditions and speed reductions can be expected for the duration of construction. The work activities are expected to always accommodate one lane of traffic at all times and no road closures are anticipated.
- **When will this be constructed?** The schedule anticipates construction can begin in 2014, contingent on funding availability.

- **Are repairs beyond MP 20 coming soon?** There is no current plan for this segment of the Edgerton, and we see that the subsurface conditions in this area will require more than just basic surface maintenance (as proposed for MP 0-19). We will let our Planning staff know that the community supports improvements to the rest of the Edgerton Highway.
- **Will different Milepost signs be installed?** Yes, similar to the green ones installed on the Richardson Highway.